

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **OSRAM SYLVANIA at (978) 777-1900.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

A new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An interface circuit suitable for operating capacitive loads such as electric ballasts for lamps at a mains supply circuit, in particular a phase gating dimmer. The interface circuit short-circuits the load input if the mains supply circuit does not carry out a load supply.